

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	Attorney Docket No.: Stolt-51
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Vincent Alliot, Ghislai Marcel, -	§	
and Jean Louis Hoss	§	
	§	Art Unit No.: To Be Assigned
Int'l. Appln. No.: PCT/EP2003/009305	§	
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Int'l. Filing Date: 1 August 2003	§	Examiner: To Be Assigned
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Priority Date: 2 August 2002	§	
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U.S. Serial No.: To Be Assigned	§	
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U.S. Filing Date: Herewith	§	
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For: <i>Method of and Apparatus for</i>	§	
<i>Interconnecting Lined Pipes</i>	§	

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.